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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

Copies of bills are typically sent to County Clerks and Recorders and can also be found at:

[http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/pls/laws07/law0203w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/pls/laws07/law0203w$.startup)

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MACo Website Offers Updated Legislative Information to Members

Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this Legislative session.

Please be sure to call, fax, or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. Also, a number of our bills have been passed out of committee and through on the floor. Don't forget to thank your Legislators for their support; they need to hear from you!

Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

*MACo Bill

Monday, March 12

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 81 Generally revise teacher retirement system laws	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
*HB 92 Modernize public health laws	Room 317B	3:00 p.m.
*HB 269 Revise weed laws/transfer funds to noxious weed management trust	Room 317B	10:00 a.m.
HB 315 Property tax reduction for excess budget surplus	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
HB 473 Eliminate water adjudication fee	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
SB 89 Providing for breast-feeding in the workplace	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
SB 116 Security freeze authority for consumer credit reports	Room 172	9:00 p.m.
SB 117 Provide that the state pays costs involved in certain election challenges	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
SB 536 Revise eminent domain laws	Room 172	3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

HB 286 Revise allocation or workforce training funds to high poverty areas	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
*HB 364 Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HB 415 Require parkland dedication in subdivision	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 425 Revise subdivision and platting act	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 795 Revise special improvement districts for fire protection	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HJ 9 Interim study of laws relating to recording of easements	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
SB 124 Cost for state hospital forensic commitment for court-ordered exam	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 130 Revise laws governing governmental fire agencies	Room 137	8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 14

HB 129	Revise retirement laws to conform to federal law and decisions	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 140	Notarization not required if declaration for nomination filed electronically	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 557	Revise criteria for zoning impact on sand, gravel, and asphalt operations	Room 422	3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15

HB 400	Revise planning board laws	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 662	Revise sanitation in subdivisions law	Room 303	3:00 p.m.

Friday, March 16

HB 177	Repeal the Montana Electronic Transactions With State Agencies... Act	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
*HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
*HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 142	Revise public health emergency authority	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
*SB 146	Revise juvenile delinquency intervention act	Room 137	8:00 a.m.

Projected Session Calendar

Please note: Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

"General bills" is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

March 21:	Transmittal of Revenue Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 23:	Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
March 29:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 3:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 5:	Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
April 6-8:	Break
April 10:	Last day to request Study Res. or Comm. Bills to implement HB2
April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Session Adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

* Indicates the bill is probably dead.

#	Title	Res. #	Sponsor	Status	As Of
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	(H) Hearing	1/12
HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Hearing	3/09
*HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	(H) Hearing	2/26
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	(H) Hearing	3/12
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	Transmitted to Senate	3/08
*HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	(S) Hearing	3/16
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	(S) Hearing	3/16
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	Transmitted to Senate	2/13
HB 269	Revise weed laws	2006-03	John W. Ross	(S) Hearing	3/12
*HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	(H) Missed Deadline for	2/28

*HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive Nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	General Bill Transmittal (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	(S) Hearing	3/13
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	(S) Hearing	3/06
*HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Tabled in Committee (H) Judiciary	2/06
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HB 426	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	Transmitted to Senate	2/13
HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	(S) Hearing	3/08
HB 541	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	(H) Hearing	2/13
*HB 551	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 561	Revise County bonding authority	6-26	John L. Musgrove	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 582	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 729	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	Referred to Committee (S) State Administration	3/08
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*HB 745	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	(H) Hearing	3/08
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Referred to Committee (H) Fish, Wildlife & Parks	3/07
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SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	(H) Hearing	3/16
SB 155	Older American's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	Referred to Committee (H) Appropriations	3/08
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SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	2/15
SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	Transmitted to House	2/12
SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	Transmitted to House	2/17
*SB 358	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	Transmitted to House	2/15
SB 492	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	Transmitted to House	2/26
LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner	Draft on Hold	10/17
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft on Hold	2/09